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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 606**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Levine**

February 24, 2015

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An act to add *Section 14107 to, and to add Article 6.5* (commencing with Section 14714) to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 ~~of~~ of, the Government Code, relating to state property.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 606, as amended, Levine. Water conservation.

Existing law requires the Department of General Services to provide planning, acquisition, construction, and maintenance of state buildings and property, and maintain a statewide property inventory of all real property held by the state. Existing law requires the department, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, and with the concurrence of the Department of Finance, to identify each public building in the department's state property inventory where it is feasible for that building to reduce energy consumption and achieve energy efficiencies, as specified, and make retrofits, as specified.

*Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of all state highways and associated property. Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation to perform work required to alleviate or repair damage to property during declared emergencies, as specified.*

This bill would, when the Department of General Services replaces landscaping or irrigation on ~~public~~ property or when new ~~public~~ property is added to the department's statewide property inventory, require the department to reduce water consumption and increase water efficiencies for that property, where feasible, through replacement of landscaping, irrigation timers, or spray sprinkler heads, implementation of recycled water irrigation, or any combination thereof. *The bill also would impose similar water conservation requirements on the Department of Transportation.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 14107 is added to the Government Code,  
2     to read:

3     14107. (a) When the department replaces landscaping or  
4     irrigation on property or acquires new property, the department  
5     shall reduce water consumption and increase water efficiencies  
6     for that property, where feasible, through any or all of the  
7     following:

8     (1) Replacement of landscaping with drought-tolerant plants  
9     with an emphasis on native plant species.

10    (2) Replacement of irrigation timers to permit efficient watering  
11    schedules.

12    (3) Replacement of spray sprinkler heads with bubblers, drip  
13    irrigation, and soaker hoses.

14    (4) Implementation of recycled water irrigation.

15    (b) For purposes of this section, "feasible" means capable of  
16    being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable  
17    period of time, taking into account life-cycle cost analyses, and  
18    environmental, social, historical, and technological factors.

19    ~~SECTION 1.~~

20    SEC. 2. Article 6.5 (commencing with Section 14714) is added  
21    to Chapter 2 of Part 5.5 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government  
22    Code, to read:

Article 6.5. State Property Water Use

14714. (a) When the department replaces landscaping or irrigation on ~~public~~ property or when new ~~public~~ property is added to the department's statewide property inventory, the department shall reduce water consumption and increase water efficiencies for that property, where feasible, through any or all of the following:

(1) Replacement of landscaping with drought-tolerant plants with an emphasis on native plant species.

(2) Replacement of irrigation timers to permit efficient watering schedules.

(3) Replacement of spray sprinkler heads with bubblers, drip irrigation, and soaker hoses.

(4) Implementation of recycled water irrigation.

(b) Work on public property of the California State University shall be subject to the consent of the California State University.

(c) For purposes of this section, ~~the following terms have the following meanings:~~

(1) ~~"Feasible"~~ *"feasible"* means capable of being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable period of time, taking into account life-cycle cost analyses, and environmental, social, historical, and technological factors.

(2) ~~"Public property" means property managed by the department or the Department of Transportation.~~